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Douglas County Website



Welcome Fall!



COUNTY MANAGER'S CORNER

ICMA, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs hosts an international partnership program that brings together the skills and successes of local communities to Fellows from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region through an international exchange program. Douglas County was fortunate to host 2 very charming,

gracious ladies who made the experience mutually beneficial.

Retno Wulan from Indonesia and Jeab from Laos were assigned as the Douglas County International Fellows earlier this year. Though this is a long-running program sponsored by ICMA, this is the first time that Douglas County has ever been involved in it. The two women were in Douglas County from October 10th through November 7th, 2015 and during their time here they focused specifically on legislative process and governance in the context of local government management, and citizen engagement as well as environmental sustainability.

I had heard about the program in the past but never had the chance to participate during my time with other communities. After reading some of the details on the program and talking to the Board about it, I decided to apply on behalf of Douglas County. The process is straight-forward - ICMA requires a lengthy application be submitted that explains a community's interest and ability in hosting Fellows.



It was an incredible experience for everyone who got to meet and work with our Fellows. I have only heard positive comments from people around the County about our participation in the program. They made many friends throughout Douglas County and the ties between our organizations should last well into the future. You never know what these kinds of international relationships can lead to. But it's fair to say that Douglas County will be a known commodity amongst people in Indonesia and Laos which may reap huge dividends in the future.

Regarding whether we will participate again in the future, I'd certainly like to try. Of course, ultimately, that decision will depend on how things are here in Douglas County. Our primary focus always has to be our residents. But based on how well this host opportunity went, I would certainly like to try and position Douglas County to serve as a host community again in the future. Thank you to all the staff, businesses, and organizations who helped our Fellows have an experience in Douglas County that they will remember for a lifetime. We will not forget the experiences shared and learned through this exceptional program.

Jim Nichols, PE, ICMA-CM
County Manager

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An Updated Version of the Douglas County Manager's Report from October 2015. View all the County manager reports on our [YouTube Channel](#).



Our two Fellows Wulan from Indonesia and Jeab from Laos.

Inside Douglas County an Interview with the Fellows



Melissa Blosser interviews the International City/County Management Association Professional Fellows. Please watch as we show you photos of their time spent here in Douglas County. See how they viewed Douglas County and what they learned.

STEM Center Ribbon Cutting at Douglas High Prompts a Visit from the Governor



Congratulations to the Douglas County School District on the ribbon cutting for the new Dr. Lisa Noonan STEM Center. Teacher Jim Abbot updates Governor Sandoval on 3-D printers and technology used in the Project Lead the Way Engineering classes. That's progress toward creating a "Thriving Environment for Business and Learning!"

County Hosts Flood Awareness Event

Douglas County, along with the State of Nevada hosted an educational awareness flood event to help educate citizens on flood preparation and safety during Flood Awareness Week, November 1-7, 2015. The event was held on Thursday, November 5th at the Douglas County Community and Senior Center. Staff from Douglas County, East Fork Fire, Carson Water Subconservancy District, Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FEMA, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and the National Weather Service answered a variety of flood related questions from residents in Douglas County. Over 300 residents attended the event.

The county has spent approximately \$350,000 to restudy the Buckbrush, Johnson Lane, Airport, and Sunrise Pass Washes and Buckeye Creek after it was found that FEMA did not follow its own standards on their 2010 floodplain maps for the washes going across the East Valley which placed homeowners in the flood plain. As a result of that designation, homeowners with federally guaranteed loans with structures in the flood plain had to purchase flood insurance. Flood insurance for homes not located within a FEMA floodplain can start as low as \$170 a year for \$20,000 in coverage. Flood insurance will only protect the residential structure, and does not provide coverage for landscape damage.

Stormwater Program Manager Karin Peternel showed how the new maps in Johnson Lane reduced the areas that were in the 100-year flood plain. The maps show the flood zone has been reduced, but that doesn't mean that some of the properties won't be flooded, as the summers of 2014 and 2015 showed. Peternel printed out over 75 maps for residents who inquired about their homes and whether they were in the flood plain.

Douglas County appealed the base flood elevations and base flood depths proposed by FEMA for multiple flooding sources as shown on the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map of April 4, 2008. Despite this objection, the FEMA maps became effective in January 2010.

"Many residents in Johnson Lane are frustrated by perceived inaction by the County regarding flooding. For homes removed from the floodplain by this County action, an average homeowner could save between \$400 to \$2,000 annually on flood insurance that may not have provided any benefit," stated County Engineer Erik Nilssen.

Douglas County has been fighting the Federal Emergency Managing Administration over maps for half a decade. The maps added 4,000 acres and roughly 900 homes to the flood plain that hadn't been there before.

Information about river flooding was also provided at Thursday's workshop. For more information

on the new flood plain maps or flood safety please visit:

<http://www.douglascountynv.gov/1072/Flood-Awareness-Week>.





DOUGLAS COUNTY JOB OPPORTUNITIES FAIR AND OPENINGS



Douglas County will be present and is in the process of recruiting and hiring for many positions within the County. To view our postings please visit [DOUGLAS COUNTY JOBS](#)

EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITY

OPERATE YOUR OWN PRESCHOOL BUSINESS

MUST LOVE CHILDREN, PEOPLE AND HAVE A SMILE ON YOUR FACE WITH A PLEASANT PERSONALITY

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE THE FIRST TO RUN A
UNIQUE PART-TIME PRESCHOOL PROGRAM WITH AN
EMPHASIS IN MULTI GENERATIONS, CULTURE AND
PERFORMING ARTS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- BRAND-NEW SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED PRESCHOOL ACTIVITY ROOM
- GATED OUTDOOR PLAY AREA WITH SHADE
- LOW OVERHEAD
- THE CONTRACT COVERS ALL RENT, UTILITIES, CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, ADVERTISING, REGISTRATION SUPPORT AND ALL OTHER COST ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING YOUR OWN PRESCHOOL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF STAFF, INSURANCE AND DAY-TO-DAY SUPPLIES
- THIS IS A UNIQUE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS A GENUINE EXCITEMENT FOR STARTING THEIR OWN BUSINESS WITH MINIMAL RISK AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN A MULTI GENERATIONAL ATMOSPHERE



For more information about this RFP please download the document [here.](#)

Watch Board Meeting Live



To watch the Board of County Commission Meetings live or to view past meetings you can click [here](#). You will also find packets and meeting agendas on the site.

Happy Veteran's Day to our Veterans!



Chinese Prints Installed in Douglas County Facilities



Two Chinese prints have been installed in Douglas County Facilities. The prints were given to County Manager Jim Nichols following his trip to China in 2015. One has been installed in the Minden Inn and written from right to left reads the name of Douglas County. The other print was one written from up to down and reads "eagle flying in the sky". The Chinese people like to use "eagle" as a metaphor to airplane. The calligrapher heard Douglas County has a great airport and this inspired his words.

Douglas County Community Health Nurse



Douglas County Community Health Nurse hosted their open house on November 5th in the Douglas County Community and Senior Center. The Community Health Nurse recently re-opened and their hours are from 8-12 and 1-5 Monday through Friday with extended hours on most Thursday evenings. Monday afternoons are for immunizations and walk-ins are welcome. They are located in the new Community and Senior Center and have private entrance on the mountain side of the building. WIC is co-located with them and in operation the same hours. Immunizations, family planning, well-baby care, women's health are the priorities of this community service. More information on their services can be found by clicking [here](#).

Holiday Events



Get Elf'd In Minden!

The Town of Minden's
Annual Gazebo Lighting
December 4th, 2015
5:00 pm in Downtown Minden
(Lighting at 6:00 pm)



Join Minden's ELVES for Fire Pits & S'mores,
Music from the DHS Jazz Band, Entertain-
ment from Bill McClain, Elf Photo-Ops,
Games and Much More!



Kids can bring in a can of food or a donation for the Carson Valley Community Food Closet, and receive a goodie bag. Kids who find a Golden Ticket in their bag are entered into the drawing to help Santa Light the Gazebo!

Enjoy a performance by



After the Gazebo Lighting!





The Town of Gardnerville's
Tenth Annual
Carson Valley
Christmas Kickoff





Santa and the wagon rides will begin at 4:30 p.m.
Entertainment & treats begin at 5:30 p.m.
Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree
Lighting of the Heritage Park Pavilion
The Sierra Ringers (weather permitting)
Christmas Carolers
Wagon Rides before fireworks.
Musical Light Show!
Fireworks By Lantis Productions

Thursday
December 3,
2015
5:30 p.m.
Heritage Park
Pavilion

Dutch oven cobblers, hot cocoa & spiced cider provided by the Town of Gardnerville & popcorn provided by the Gardnerville Water Co.

For additional information contact
 the Town of Gardnerville - 782-7134
www.gardnerville-nv.gov




Fireworks are brought to you by:

Gardnerville Health & Sanitation
Carson Valley Inn

Win a year's free trash. Go online at <http://www.gardnerville-nv.gov> or come into the town office to fill out the survey. To be eligible you must be a resident of the Town of Gardnerville and be a customer of Gardnerville Health & Sanitation.





COWBOY CHRISTMAS

FEATURING



Mary Kaye

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

HISTORIC GENOA TOWN HALL

Doors Open: 5:30 PM • Concert: 6:30 to 8:30 PM

This popular show consists of Mary Kaye's original cowboy Christmas songs, traditional cowboy songs and classic Christmas favorites.

Tickets: Adult – \$20 • Child – \$15 Children 12 years & under

Pre-Concert Dinner:
Chili and Baked Potatoes
 served with all the trimmings!
 Dinner begins at 5 p.m.

Dinner with Concert Tickets:
Adult – \$35 • Child – \$25
 Hosted by: Friends of Genoa

Town Hall Annex • 2289 Main Street (next to the) • Genoa Town Hall • 2287 Main Street

For concert details and to purchase tickets, call the Genoa Town Office at (775) 782-8696



Light the Tree! • CAROLING • TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 4, 2015 • Beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the
Genoa Church. Hope's Tree at 6:30 p.m. – Nixon and Main Streets

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Tickets: \$5 • Children 4 & under FREE • Three Seatings

Saturday, December 5, 2015 • 8:30, 9:40 and 10:50 AM

Breakfast includes: Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, hot cocoa and coffee.



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